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## AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL LOFTON

I, MICHAEL LOFTON, being first duly sworn upon oath do hereby depose and state as follows:

- 1. My name is Michael Lofton. I am employed by Intermedia Communications Inc. ("Intermedia") as Network Facilities Supervisor. My business address is 3625 Queen Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619, and my telephone number is (813) 829-2234. In my capacity as Network Facilities Supervisor, I am responsible for designing, ordering, and placement of circuit groups between various exchanges. I graduated from Louisiana State University in 1976. Prior to joining Intermedia, I was employed for five years as Network Facilities Manager by Long Distance Savers, Inc., a telecommunications carrier located in Monroe, Louisiana.
- 2. I am submitting this Affidavit on behalf of Intermedia. The purpose of my
  Affidavit is to describe the sequence of events leading up to BellSouth's request that Intermedia submit an Access Service Request ("ASR") for multiple tandem architecture in the Atlanta,
  Georgia Local Access and Transport Area ("LATA").
- 3. On or around September 8, 1998, I was contacted by Dean Podzamsky, who is the Manager of the Translation Department at Intermedia, requesting my group to submit an Access Service Request ("ASR") for multiple tandem architecture in the Atlanta, GA LATA. Mr. Podzamsky informed me that his group had received a request from BellSouth asking Intermedia

to submit an ASR for multiple tandem architecture in the Atlanta LATA in order to make BellSouth's records consistent with its circuit deployment. I advised Mr. Podzamsky that neither I nor anyone on my staff knew how to prepare an ASR for multiple tandem architecture because we had never done one before for Intermedia, and there was no need to do one as Intermedia had direct connections to individual tandems in the Atlanta LATA.

- 4. Nevertheless, because Mr. Podzamsky's was acting in response to BellSouth's request, and it appeared from my conversation with Mr. Podzamsky that the request was critical to BellSouth, I contacted Kasey Howard at BellSouth to seek help on preparing an ASR for multiple tandem architecture as instructed by BellSouth. I advised Mr. Howard that we had never done an ASR for multiple tandem architecture, and that we needed help on preparing it. Mr. Howard understood and promised to provide me with information on preparing an ASR for this type of architecture. A day or so later after my conversation with Mr. Howard, I received a three-page document from BellSouth via facsimile, containing instructions on how to prepare an ASR for multiple tandem architecture. A copy of this document is attached to this Affidavit as EXHIBIT A.
- 5. Using the information I gleaned from the document that was faxed to me by BellSouth, I prepared an ASR for multiple tandem architecture, as BellSouth requested. I then submitted that ASR, identified as Purchase Order Number 1998-21479-50593, to BellSouth electronically via the BDS-TELIS Data Entry Subsystem on November 5, 1998. A hard copy of the ASR is attached to this Affidavit as EXHIBIT B.
- 6. I never received a notice from BellSouth rejecting the ASR, so I assumed that the ASR was "clean," although I was informally advised by BellSouth that the ASR could not be processed because the Buckhead tandem was already multi-tandem. Similarly, I never received

a Firm Order Confirmation ("FOC") from BellSouth indicating that the ASR request was accepted. I assumed, however, that because BellSouth was only requesting an ASR for multiple tandem architecture to make its record consistent with its circuit deployment, there was no need for BellSouth to send us a FOC. In other words, if multiple tandem architecture was already in place prior to BellSouth's request that Intermedia submit an ASR, as was evidently the case here, it would not have been necessary to confirm the order. Nevertheless, the ASR remained "open" in Intermedia's records.

7. On February 18, 1999, while reviewing my files, I was reminded that the multiple tandem ASR was still "open." I then placed a telephone call to Mr. Howard at BellSouth to discuss the status of the ASR. Mr. Howard reiterated to me that BellSouth requested Intermedia to submit an ASR for multiple tandem architecture in order to alleviate capacity limitations in the Buckhead tandem. Mr. Howard also assured me that the multiple tandem architecture would be left in place until BellSouth had addressed the capacity problems in the Atlanta LATA, and specifically the Buckhead tandem. I made clear to Mr. Howard that Intermedia would prefer to continue to have direct interconnections to all the tandems in the Atlanta LATA. Further, I specifically stated to Mr. Howard that what Intermedia really wanted was for BellSouth to upgrade the Buckhead tandem and give Intermedia additional trunk terminations there. I then advised Mr. Howard that I was closing out the ASR for multiple tandem architecture which BellSouth requested Intermedia to submit previously. During the same telephone conversation, Mr. Howard asked someone at BellSouth to close the multiple tandem ASR submitted by Intermedia. Before the conversation ended, Mr. Howard assured me that the ASR had been closed.

8. Following my telephone conversation with Mr. Howard, I sent him an e-mail on February 18, 1999, confirming our conversation and formally closing the ASR in writing. Mr. Howard never responded to that e-mail, nor did he at any time in my subsequent telephone conversations with him, challenge my summarization of our prior discussion concerning multiple tandem architecture. A copy of my e-mail to Mr. Howard is attached to my Affidavit as **EXHIBIT C**.

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# EXHIBIT A MULTIPLE TANDEM ARCHITECTURE ASR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BELLSOUTH TO INTERMEDIA

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#### LINKS:

Will SS7 Links be ordered? If not, will a Link Provider be utilized and if so, may we have the STP-CLLIs that connect to our-local STPs-(Sec SS7-Form)

#### LOCAL TANDEM ACCESS:

Which local tundem/tandems with the CLEC connect to?

Provide this information to Debbie Ballew/LeeVerta George so EXACT can be updated with the Local Tandem/End Offices information.

If the CLEC connects to more than one tandem in the local calling area, a "home" local tandem must be designated by the CLEC.

Directionality for the trunk groups?

For 2-way trunking, the CLEC must provide a CIC code that is not used for FG-D service. (If 1-way local tandem trunking is ordered, the FG-D CIC is adequate.)

If the CLEC plans to order a one-way trunk group to the local tandem, will CCM order a local tandem trunk group to the CLEC or deliver local traffic to the CLEC through the access tandem?

BST should let the CLEC know if the local tandem is ISDN/64CCC capable.

What rate center and NXXs is the CLEC trunk group to the Local Tandem associated with?

This information is for Translations, so they can create local calling area translations for the CLEC end office by mirroring the local calling area of a similar BST end office.

#### MULTIPLE TANDEM ACCESS

This option will allow the CLECs to interconnect at one or more access tandens in the LATA for exchange of traffic with multiple access tandens within the LATA.

This option applies to trunk groups ordered with the following TRETYP

combinations on the ASR. Also shown is the associated TU & MODs:

Directionality		TTT'	TRETYP	IU	MOD
Terminating & Originating		1 & 2	TM	TD	JZT/KE
2-way	•	3 ′	(MIMI)	TD	JZT/KE
*2-way		3	TMIAM	TD	JZS/KE
2-way		3	AM/AM	TD-	JZA/KE

\* - BellSouth's preference

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### CLEC ASR REQUIREMENTS TABLE SUPERGROUP

	ASR REQUI	8	TRUNK GROUP ID					
NC	TRFTYP	TIT	SECLOC	ALOC	ZLOC	PLSG	TU	MOD
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SHSA	TS/AL	3	BSTAT	• (LOW A	LPHA)	77	10	<b>12S</b>
SHSC	TE/AL	3	BSTAT	• (LOW A	LPHA)	77	1D	IZSKE
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#### CLEC ASR REQUIREMENTS TABLE LOCAL TANDEM TRUNK GROUPS TO BELLSOUTH

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BUD, SDUB	LL/LL	3	BST Loc. T	T(LOW A	LPHA)	MM	OG	JZL
SBUM,SDUM	ILL	2	BST Loc. T	CLEC	BST.	7-	TO	JZL
SBUM,SDUM	LLIL	3	BST Loc. T	"CLOW A	LPHA)	777	OG	JZL
SBUN, SDUN	IL	2 .	BST Loc. T	CLEC	BST	7-	TO	JZIKE
SBUN, SDUN	WLL	3	BST Loc. T	O(LOW A	LPHA)	77	OG	JZLKE

<sup>\* (</sup>LOW ALPHA) will document ALOC and ZLOC.



### CLEC ASR REQUIREMENTS TABLE MULTIFLE TANDEM ACCESS TRUNK GROUPS TO BELLSOUTH

	ASR REQ	UREM	ents		TRUNK GROUP ID					
NC	TRETYP	TIT	SECLOC	ALOC	ZLOC	PLSO	TU	MOD		
SH-D	TM/IM	3 00	BSTAT .	* (LOW A)	PHA	MM	TD	721		
SHSA	TM/IM	3 ••	BSTAT	IA WOLL)	PHA)	77	TD	JZT		
SHSC	TMIM	3	BST:AT	IA WOLD	PHA)	77	(ID)	JZTKE		
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SHEC	TMUAM	3	BSTAT	*(LOW A)	PHA)	77	TD	JZSKE		
-EH-D	MAWAM	-3	-BST-AT	IA-WOJ)	PHA)	MOM		JZA		
SHSA	-AMIAM-	-3 -	BST.AT	A Was	FHA)	77	TD	JZA .		
SHSC	MAMA	3	BSTAT	OLOW AL	JHA)	77	TD	IZAKE		

<sup>. (</sup>LOW ALPHA) will determine ALOC and 2LOC.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: Two one-way transient multiple trunk groups may be ordered in place of one two-way group.

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### CLEC ASR REQUIREMENTS TABLE LOCAL INTRALATA TOLL TRUNK GROUPS TO BELLSOUTH

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SDSA, SBSA	LT/LT	3	BSTEO	*(LOW A		77	ED	1
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BH-D	LT/LT	3	BSTAT	*(LOW A	LPHA)	MM	110	1
SHSA	LT	2	BSTAT	CLEC	BST	7-	TD	J
ARHZ	LT/LT	3	BSTAT	*(LOW A	LPHA)	77	TD	J
SDSC	LT	2	BST PO	CLEC	BST	7-	ED	1KE
-SDSC-	·LT/LT	3	BST EO	A.WOJ)!.	LPHA)	77	ED	JKE
SHSC	LT	2	BSTAT	CLEC	BST	7-	TD	1KB
SHSC	LT/LT	3	BSTAT	•(LOW A	LPHA)	77	TD	1KE

<sup>\* (</sup>LOW ALPHA) will determine ALOC and ZLOC.

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<b>SDSC</b>	CH	2	BST EO	CLEC	BST	7-	ED	JCRKE
SH-D	CH	2	BSTAT	CLEC	BST	M-	30	JCR
SHSA	CH	2	BSTAT	CLEC	BST	7-	TD	ICR
SHSC	СН	2	BSTAT	CLEC	BST	7-	TD	JCRKE

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SHSC	TS/TS 3	BSTAT	· (LOW)	ALPHA)	77	170	JZTKE

<sup>&</sup>quot; (LOW ALPHA) will determine ALOC and ZLOC,

Note: Two one-way transient traffic trunk groups may be entered in place of one two-way group.

#### **EXHIBIT B**

MULTIPLE TANDEM ARCHITECTURE ASR PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY INTERMEDIA TO BELLSOUTH PER BELLSOUTH'S REQUEST

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# EXHIBIT C E-Mail from Michael Lofton to Kasey Howard

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From: Lofton, Michael G. (EXCH)

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 1999 12:28 PM To: 'kasey.howard@bridge.bellsouth.com'

Cc: Thomas, Ed L. (EXCH)

Subject: Closing ASR 1998-21479.50593

#### Kasey,

Per our conversation this morning, concerning the multiple tandem Architecture, Intermedia concurs with your understanding that Bell South requested this to be deployed to assist with the completion of traffic being blocked due to capacity limitations in the Buckhead tandem. We also understand that Bell South has requested that this arrangement be left in place until Bell South has worked through the capacity problems in the Atlanta area and specifically the Buckhead tandem. We reiterate our preference to continue our direct interconnection to all the tandems in the Atlanta LATA.

Thus, I am closing out the ASR 1998-21479.50593 that you requested Intermedia submit to BellSouth in November in order to keep your Internal records consistent with BellSouth's circuit deployment.

Thanks

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF EDWARD L. THOMAS

I, EDWARD L. THOMAS, being first duly sworn upon oath do hereby depose and state as follows:

- 1. My name is Edward L. Thomas. I am employed by Intermedia Communications Inc. ("Intermedia") as Director Voice Planning & Deployment. My business address is 3625 Queen Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619, and my telephone number is (813) 829-2930. In my capacity as Director Voice Engineering, I am responsible for engineering the moves, adds, and changes of the telecommunications switching requirements within the Intermedia voice network. This includes the ordering and placement of central office switching equipment, ordering and placement of circuit groups between various exchanges, network capacity management, and network traffic management. My telecommunications background spans thirty-five years of experience and a myriad of technical training courses and seminars. I have attended Kent State University and Wooster (Ohio) College. Prior to joining Intermedia, I was employed by GTE for twenty-nine years in various management capacities.
- 2. I am submitting this Affidavit on behalf of Intermedia. The purpose of my

  Affidavit is to describe the manner in which Intermedia interconnects with BellSouth

  Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") facilities for the purpose of exchanging local traffic.

- Intermedia is one of the largest independent competitive local exchange carriers 3. ("CLECs") in the United States. In Georgia, Intermedia provides local exchange service primarily to business customers utilizing its telephone switches located in Atlanta. In order to reach end-users located in Georgia, Intermedia interconnects with BellSouth's facilities by purchasing so-called "interconnection trunks" from BellSouth. These "interconnection trunks" are used to connect Intermedia's switches with BellSouth's switches for the purpose of exchanging traffic. BellSouth's switching facilities are of two types: tandem switches and end office switches. A "tandem switch" is an intermediate switch or connection between an originating telephone call location and the final destination of the call; it serves to connect central offices when direct interoffice trunks are not available. An "end office switch" is the last switching point (i.e., central office) in the network before the subscriber's telephone equipment. \ccess to end users through direct connections to "end offices" subtending the "tandem" switches are appropriate where the volume of traffic so dictates; otherwise, connections to tandem switches are more economical. I provide as EXHIBIT A a diagram illustrating how a typical CLEC voice switch is connected to BellSouth's switch or switches.
- 4. There are at least two ways of reaching end users served out of BellSouth's endoffices. A CLEC could establish direct connections to each tandem within a local access and
  transport area ("LATA") in order to have access to the end-offices subtending each such tandem.
  For example, a CLEC could establish direct connections to Tandem A in order to reach end-users
  served out of end offices A-1, A-2, A-3, and so on; similarly, direct connections to Tandem B
  could be had in order to have access to end-users served out of end offices B-1, B-2, B-3, and so
  forth. I will refer to this as "Single Tandem Architecture." A diagram is provided in EXHIBIT
  B.

- 5. Another option is for a CLEC to interconnect to a single access tandem within the LATA to access all other tandems and end offices subtending the tandems. For example, a CLEC could establish trunk terminations to Tandem A, which would allow the CLEC to connect to the end offices subtending Tandem A, as well as to connect to end offices subtending Tandems B, C, and D via direct connections to Tandem A. The ultimate goal is to have access to all the tandems and end offices within a LATA through a single connection to one of the tandems (or at a minimum, through connections to less than all access tandems within the LATA). I will refer to this as "Multiple Tandem Architecture." A diagram is provided in EXHIBIT C.
- 6. The choice of whether to use a Single Tandem Architecture as opposed to a Multiple Tandem Architecture would depend on the particular needs of the CLECs. As a general rule, however, although Multiple Tandem Architecture is more economical because a CLEC need only interconnect with one tandem to have access to several tandems and the subtending end offices, this architecture is technically inferior. In particular, from an engineering standpoint, call efficiency is poorer in a Multiple Tandem Architecture setting. This is because the call is switched at multiple levels. On the other hand, Single Tandem Architecture offers high call efficiency because the amount of switching is significantly less. CLECs whose traffic volumes are significant tend to choose Single Tandem Architecture because their traffic volumes justify individual direct connections to each tandem. This is the case with Intermedia.
- 7. Prior to the first quarter of 1997, Intermedia had direct connections to the tandem switch in Buckhead. This allowed Intermedia to reach end-users that were served out of end-offices subtending the Buckhead tandem. Similarly, end-users served out of end offices

abtending the tandem switch located in Norcross were reached through Intermedia's connection to the Buckhead tandem.

- 8. Beginning in the first quarter of 1997, BellSouth stopped routing traffic to endoffices subtending the Norcross tandem via direct connections to the Buckhead tandem.
  BellSouth insisted that the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and Intermedia required direct connections to each tandem in the Atlanta, GA LATA. Consequently, Intermedia established individual direct connections to the Buckhead tandem and the Norcross tandem in order to reach end users served by the various end offices subtending the Buckhead and Norcross tandems, respectively.
- 9. Beginning in or around April 1998, Intermedia began experiencing congestion problems with the Buckhead tandem. Specifically, Intermedia was unable to obtain trunk 'rminations in the Buckhead tandem, the result of which was effectively to deny access to Intermedia's customers. Intermedia promptly brought this problem to BellSouth's attention, but the lack of available trunk terminations in the Buckhead tandem persisted for several months. BellSouth assured Intermedia that the addition of the Eastpoint tandem would alleviate the congestion at Buckhead. Indeed, when the Eastpoint tandem became operational, the congestion in the Buckhead facility was alleviated somewhat, but not for long. Soon thereafter, around the third quarter of 1998, the Buckhead tandem began experiencing congestion problems once again. The congestion problem in the Buckhead tandem became progressively worse and hit a critical point during the latter part of 1998, forcing me to escalate the problem sometime in December 1998 to Jon Rey Sullivan, Operations Assistant Vice President at BellSouth. I have since held several discussions with Mr. Sullivan, most recently in March 1999, to address the congestion

problem in Buckhead; however, the problem continued to persist until mid-April 1999 when BellSouth added circuits with Intermedia.

- I believe that BellSouth may have converted Intermedia's direct interconnection 10. to the Buckhead tandem into a multi-tandem architecture beginning in or around June 1998. without Intermedia's knowledge and consent, in order to alleviate the congestion in Buckhead. I believe this to be the case because Kasey Howard of BellSouth asked Dean Podzamsky of Intermedia to submit an Access Service Request ("ASR") to BellSouth in or around September of 1998, requesting the Buckhead tandem trunk group to be made multi-tandem. However, when Intermedia submitted the ASR to BellSouth in November 1998, pursuant to BellSouth's request, BellSouth advised Intermedia that the ASR could not be processed because the Buckhead tandem was already multi-tandem. This leads me to conclude that BellSouth had already converted Intermedia's interconnection to the Buckhead tandem into a multi-tandem architecture prior to the time BellSouth requested Intermedia to submit an ASR requesting multi-tandem. This is also consistent with Mike Lofton's conversation with Mr. Howard in late 1998, in which Mr. Howard advised Mike Lofton to submit an ASR for multi-tandem in order to make BellSouth's internal records consistent with its circuit deployment. Please see Mike Lofton's Affidavit.
- Intermedia, although I am reasonably certain that the Buckhead tandem was made multi-tandem, on BellSouth's instance and without Intermedia's consent, in or around June 1998, as discussed above. It is beyond any doubt, however, that Intermedia is not, on its own, sending traffic destined to the end offices subtending the Norcross tandem via the Buckhead tandem.

  Specifically, traffic that is destined to the end offices subtending the Norcross tandem is sent

directly to the Norcross tandem, and traffic that is destined to the end offices subtending the Buckhead tandem is sent directly to the Buckhead tandem. BellSouth may well be using multitandem to route Intermedia's traffic today, but certainly *not* because Intermedia requested it. Indeed, once Intermedia's traffic is sent to the appropriate tandem, e.g., Buckhead tandem, Intermedia has no control over the ultimate routing of that traffic (and in fact Intermedia has no way of knowing whether that traffic was routed in the manner requested by Intermedia, unless BellSouth produces its translation records). As stated previously, Intermedia prefers to have direct, individual interconnections to all the tandems in the Atlanta LATA, for technical and other reasons.

12. In conclusion, Intermedia has never requested, on its own, multi-tandem architecture in the Atlanta LATA in June 1998 or anytime thereafter. Intermedia did, at BellSouth's request, submit an ASR requesting temporary conversion to multi-tandem architecture in order to relieve congestion in BellSouth's tandems. That ASR has since been cancelled by both Intermedia and BellSouth. It has never been Intermedia's intention to have a multi-tandem architecture on a permanent basis.

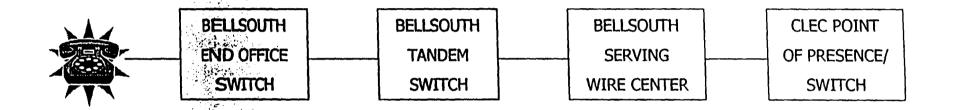
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### **EXHIBIT A**

### TYPICAL INTERCONNECTION OF CLEC AND BELLSOUTH SWITCHES



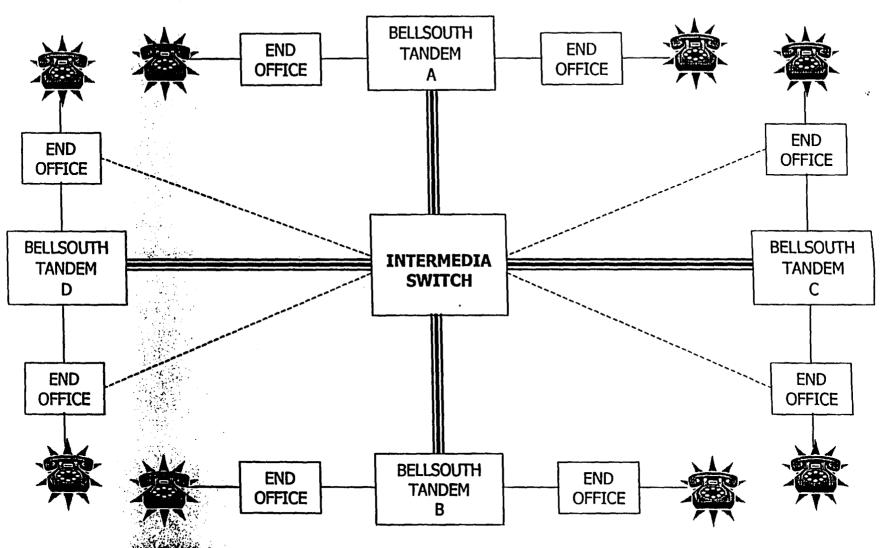
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### **SINGLE TANDEM ARCHITECTURE**



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Exhibit B

